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July 26, 2011

Mr. Peter M. Rogoff
Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
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**Re: South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Bus and Bus Facilities Program
Grant Application for Alternative Fuel Shuttle Bus Procurement**

Dear Administrator Rogoff:

I write in support of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's (SFRTA) grant application for the procurement of alternative fuel shuttle busses under the Bus and Bus Facilities Program. Federal funding will help ensure that communities throughout South Florida, including in my Congressional district, have access to a variety of reliable transportation options. Replacing the existing fleet of diesel-powered shuttle busses with alternative fuel vehicles will also bolster the SFRTA's commitment to environmental stewardship by reducing operating costs, oil dependency, and carbon emissions.

Shuttle buses support Tri-Rail operations in the South Florida region by connecting commuters with key destinations and other modes of transit. These include airports, hospitals, institutions of higher learning, and other major employment centers. At a time when both statewide unemployment and gas prices remain elevated, investing in multi-modal transportation projects such as this helps support jobs and spur economic development.

The procurement of new shuttle buses also presents an opportunity to increase service reliability and significantly reduce recurring annual operating expenses. As you may know, the SFRTA currently has a "turnkey" contract with private operators for its shuttle services. In contrast, ownership of an alternative fuel shuttle bus fleet would allow the SFRTA to procure a shuttle service contract that gives it greater latitude to manage its operations and address capital and operating expenses.

The SFRTA's procurement department is well-versed in procuring vehicles, and has the technical staff resources to quickly implement this project. Furthermore, the SFRTA continues to coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District IV office. In fact, this application is a direct result of a SFRTA study funded by FDOT that identified shuttle bus operating efficiencies.

Administrator Rogoff, the procurement of alternative fuel shuttle busses will provide South Florida residents and visitors with an environmentally friendly alternative to driving on the region's congested roadways. Thank you for your consideration of this important grant application. I respectfully ask to be kept informed of the overall progress of this request and when a final decision will be made. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 225-1313.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alcee L. Hastings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alcee" being the most prominent part.

Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress

DAVID RIVERA
25TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator
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Dear Administrator Rogoff:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's Bus and Bus Facilities Program grant application for alternative fuel shuttle bus fleet procurement. Replacing the existing diesel shuttle bus fleet with alternative fuel vehicles will bolster SFRTA's commitment of environmental stewardship by reducing dependence on finite, oil based energy resources and reducing carbon emissions.

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SFRTA's procurement department is well versed in procuring vehicles and has the technical staff resources to quickly implement the project.

Utilizing the alternative fuel shuttles applied for in this application will provide South Florida residents and visitors with an environmentally friendly alternative to driving on the region's congested roadways.

In accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, I ask that you please give SFRTA's application full and fair consideration.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Cordially,



David Rivera



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SENATOR CHRISTOPHER L. "CHRIS" SMITH
29th District

July 20, 2011

Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
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I am confident that SFRTA's procurement department is well versed in procuring vehicles, and has the technical staff resources to quickly implement the project.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Senator Christopher L. Smith
Florida State Senate, District 29

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July 27, 2011

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

State Senator Maria Lorts Sachs, District 30

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SENATOR JEREMY RING
32nd District

July 20, 2011

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jeremy Ring

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SENATOR GWEN MARGOLIS
35th District

July 21, 2011

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Federal Transit Administration
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I am writing this letter in full support of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's Bus and Bus Facilities Program grant application for alternative fuel shuttle bus fleet procurement. Replacing the existing diesel shuttle bus fleet with alternative fuel vehicles will bolster SFRTA's commitment of environmental stewardship by reducing dependence on finite, oil based energy resources and reducing carbon emissions.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Senator Gwen Margolis
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July 25 , 2011

Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator
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Florida House of Representatives
Representative Joseph Abruzzo
District 85

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Abruzzo".

Joseph Abruzzo
State Representative
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lori Berman
State Representative
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Florida House of Representatives
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Thank you for your consideration.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,

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MARK S. PAFFORD
State Representative, District 88



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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Representative Jeff Clemens

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The Florida House of Representatives
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Luis R. Garcia, Jr.

Florida House of Representatives, District 107

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Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural
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July 20, 2011

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Luis R. Garcia, Jr.
Florida State Representative, District 107

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July 20, 2011

STEVEN L. ABRAMS

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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District 4
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Kristin Jacobs
County Commissioner, District 2



BRUNO A. BARREIRO
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 5

July 21, 2011

Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1990 K Street NW, Suite 510
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Administrator Rogoff:

As Miami-Dade County Commissioner, I am in full support of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's Bus and Bus Facilities Program grant application for alternative fuel shuttle bus fleet procurement. Replacing the existing diesel shuttle bus fleet with alternative fuel vehicles will bolster SFRTA's commitment of environmental stewardship by reducing dependence on finite, oil based energy resources and reducing carbon emissions.

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Your consideration of their application is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Bruno A. Barreiro
Miami-Dade County Commissioner
District 5

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July 19, 2011

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Randy M. Whitfield, P.E.
Director

July 22, 2011

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Gregory Stuart
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Cc: Metropolitan Planning Organization, Board of Directors
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July 25, 2011

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Irma San Roman, Acting Director
Miami-Dade County MPO

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

INDIAN RIVER - ST. LUCIE - MARTIN - PALM BEACH

July 20, 2011

Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator
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Washington, DC 20006

Subject: South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Grant Application

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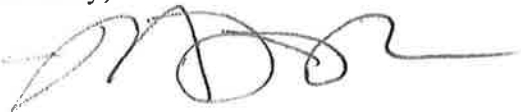
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Sincerely,



Michael J. Busha, AICP
Executive Director

South
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July 22, 2011

Mr. Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1990 K Street NW, Suite 510
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Administrator Rogoff:

The Council is pleased to support the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's Bus and Bus Facilities Program grant application for alternative fuel shuttle bus fleet procurement. Replacing the existing diesel shuttle bus fleet with alternative fuel vehicles will bolster the region's commitment to environmental stewardship through the development of clean, sustainable, and energy-efficient power generation and transportation systems.

The mission of the Council, a regional planning and public policy agency, is to identify the long-term challenges and opportunities facing the residents of South Florida, and to assist the region's leaders in developing and implementing creative strategies. The Council works with public, private and nonprofit stakeholders and communities to identify issues and opportunities that are regional in scope and create implementing strategies to achieve our desired future. The proposed replacement of the SFRTA's bus fleet with alternative fuel vehicles is consistent with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*, (SRPP), particularly "Goal 9 - Energy" which is attached for your review. The SRPP, adopted by the Council's public / private board comprised of elected and appointed officials from Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe counties, serves as the region's strategic policy document and guides all of the Council's activities.

Additionally, as you may know, in 2010 the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, led by the South Florida Regional Planning Council in partnership with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and was awarded a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD). These funds will be used to develop a "Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity" that will serve as a strategic plan to guide the creation of a more sustainable future. A transition to clean fuel vehicles and more energy efficient technologies will clearly be an important part of our regional strategy and advance the federal livability principles.

We fully support the SFRTA's application and thank you in advance for your time and consideration of their application.

Sincerely,



James F. Murley
Deputy Director

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Attachment

Consistency with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan

GOAL 9 Develop clean, sustainable, and energy-efficient power generation and transportation systems.

Alternative/Renewable Energy Resources

Policy 9.1 Develop and implement sustainable energy conservation strategies.

Policy 9.2 Encourage the development of renewable, clean fuels and energy-efficient enterprises to serve our communities and national markets.

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Air Quality

Policy 9.4 Improve regional air quality through a reduction of transportation and electrical power generation related impacts.

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Global Climate Change

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Planning

Policy 9.9 Encourage coordination between state, regional, and local economic development agencies and the private sector to develop an alternative and renewable energy technology industry to ensure a sustainable regional community.



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July 22, 2011

Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator
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Dear Administrator Rogoff:

The Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition strongly supports the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's (SFRTA's) Bus and Bus Facilities Program grant application for alternative fuel shuttle bus fleet procurement. Replacing the existing diesel shuttle bus fleet with alternative fuel vehicles will bolster SFRTA's commitment of environmental stewardship by reducing dependence on finite, oil-based energy resources and reducing carbon emissions.

It is our understanding that:

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As one of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) first Clean Cities Coalitions, Gold Coast actively shares in the DOE's goals to reduce the use of imported oil and improve air quality. We believe that utilizing alternative fuel shuttle buses in conjunction with commuter rail ridership will provide South Florida residents and visitors with an environmentally friendly alternative to driving on the Region's congested roadways.

We hope that the Federal Transit Administration considers this grant application favorably and actively joins our support of a sustainable future for South Florida.

Sincerely,

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Coordinator



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July 21, 2011

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Sincerely,

Patricia Zeiler
Managing Director

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